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FM AMCONSUL OSAKA KOBE

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP JA UR

SUBJECT: DISPUTE OVER SOVIET CONGEN BUILDING OSAKA

1. AS TOKYO ALREADY INFORMED, GOJ HAS TOLD STAFF OF SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL OSAKA THAT THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO PERFORM CONSULAR SERVICES AT NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONGEN BUILDING LOCATED IN OSAKA PREFECTURE BUT OUTSIDE OSAKA CITY.

2. AT KOBE MAYOR'S RECEPTION JANUARY 14 SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL CHERNOV AND FOREIGN OFFICE OSAKA REPRESENTATIVE SUMA SEPARATELY VOLUNTEERED THEIR VERSIONS OF PROBLEM. CHERNOV ASSERTED GOJ UNREASONABLY APPLIED TECHNICALITY THAT SOV CONGEN, UNDER RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING JAPANESE CONGEN AT LENINGRAD, LIMITED TO OSAKA CITY, AFTER THEY HAD BEEN AWARE FOR MONTHS OF LOCATION OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING AND HAD NEVER INTIMATED THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES. WHEN I ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY RELATED PROBLEM AT LENINGRAD HE SAID NOT THAT HE KNEW OF. AMBASSADOR SUMA FEW MINUTES LATER CONFIDED THAT SOURCE OF TROUBLE WAS SOVIET EFFORT TO OFFSET COST OF NEW OSAKA BUILDING BY JACKING UP COSTS FOR PLANNED EXPANSION OF JAPANESE EMBASSY FACILITIES AT MOSCOW. HE INDICATED GOJ SEES THIS AS UNACCEPTABLE SHARP PRACTICE AND PICKED UP OSAKA TECHNICALITY AS WAY OF PRESSING FOR "BASKET SOLUTION".

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3. WE CANNOT ESTIMATE WHAT IF ANY EFFECT THIS BYPLAY WILL HAVE ON OTHER ASPECTS OF JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS BUT TEMPERS SEEM PRETTY HOT ON BOTH SIDES HERE.

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